

Evangelism Part 9

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“Now after two days he departed thence, and went into Galilee.” (John 4:43 KJV) Jesus after He stayed two days in Samaria teaching the people the Word of God He departed and went ahead to Galilee. Basically Jesus left Judea because the tension the Pharisees raised against Him. He left from Judea toward Galilee passing through Samaria. After He had finished His task in Samaria, reaching out the Samaritan woman and the whole city of Samaria, now He is moving toward His target in Galilee. *Evangelism is a continuous process, God will be moving us from place to place, and we ought to preach His Word to the people and to do the needful to them, whether they need prayers, counseling, laying on hands, encouragement, etc.*

“For Jesus himself testified, that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. ” (John 4:44 KJV) Jesus in Galilee had another problem that he need to face; for He had pointed out *that a prophet hath no honour in his own country. When God would be moving us from place to place, we might be facing limitations and difficulties to evangelize to certain people like what Jesus is facing here, that His own people and the place that He lived before and raised up did not recognize him or honour Him. We might be facing difficulties and troubles when we want to evangelize our families and to the people whom we raised up with; we and the message we give them might not be accepted to them, and they may reject us and persecute us.*

But Jesus did not go back to Galilee unless the heart of the people was prepared to receive Him. The heart of the people was prepared when Jesus did miracles in the feast of the Passover in Jerusalem. *“Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast. Then when he was come into Galilee, the Galilaeans received him, having seen all the things that he did at Jerusalem at the feast: for they also went unto the feast.” (John 4:45 KJV)* We can read what He did here: *“Now when he was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in his name, when they saw the miracles* which he did.” (John 2:23 KJV)* What I want to say to you here, that God will not send you to any place unless He had prepared the people to receive you. We need also to be aware that we cannot rush and put ourselves in difficult situation unless the people had been prepared by the Lord. Jesus here decided to go to

Galilee because the Lord had already did miracles by the hand of Jesus in Jerusalem that made the people believe on Him; their hearts were prepared by the Lord to receive Jesus and welcomed Him there. *Therefore and in the same way, when the Lord will prepare the hearts of the people around you with wonders, miracles and heavenly intervention from Him, then that will be the time for you to move and advance toward them and evangelize.*

Therefore you need to be fully obedient to the voice of the Holy Spirit, and that you will not move to any place unless you are instructed to do so.

Therefore your own calendar and days and the timing that you observe, as well as the tradition that you follow may hinder you to follow the voice of the Holy Spirit.

People who are bounded with worldly celebrations and manmade feast, like birthdays parties, vacations, attending weddings parties and other functions will found themselves turning off the voice of the Holy Spirit and ultimately will not be able to hear the voice of the Holy Spirit who is calling them and directing them to go into the direction that He wants them to move to reach certain people, at certain places and at a certain time.

Therefore, you need to give up your own programs and agendas so that you can be tuned and sensitive to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Once you had adopted that in your life you will find yourself serving God and led by the Holy Spirit to reach people and minister to them in God's perfect timing.

“So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. ” (John 4:46 KJV) Jesus was led again to Galilee, the same place that He did His previous miracle where He turned the water into wine. Jesus moved there for a purpose that a noble man who was non Jewish, *whose son was sick at Capernaum. 47 When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death. ” (John 4:46-47 KJV)* *When God would be moving you back to a place that you had been before, you need to be sensitive and discerning to what God is leading you to.*

Jesus was lead to Galilee not for the sake of the Galilean but for a sake of a family of a man from Capernaum. *God may lead you to a certain places to meet and to minister to people whom God had moved them from other places and come to be blessed by Christ through your service and ministry.*

That man, who came to meet Jesus, had travelled from *Capernaum* to *Cana of Galilee* to meet Jesus. The Lord may do the same in your ministry. The question now is this: Why Jesus did not go directly to *Capernaum*? We don't know exactly why Jesus did that. May be the Lord was testing the faith of that noble man and He wanted him to come and meet Him by himself. *We may not understand fully the ways of the Lord and how He works with us and lead us and support us in our service and ministry unto Him, therefore, we need to be opened to new things and events programmed by Him to bring fruit and changes in people's life that come across our lives and ministry.*

When you move in hearing the voice of the Holy Spirit there will be other events will be stirred up; some people will draw near to Christ through your movement with the Holy Spirit, devil and demons will be disturbed and sicknesses and death will be move away.

“So Jesus came again into Cana of Galilee, where he made the water wine. And there was a certain nobleman, whose son was sick at Capernaum. ” (John 4:46 KJV) That noble man was a man of status and has power and authority, but he needed Jesus to help him in His life and trouble. In the same way, God may allow certain people who are rich, noble, and influential to come across our lives. Those people inspite of all what they have from power riches and authority would still need Jesus in their lives. Therefore we should not be hesitant to minister to them and help them and present Jesus and what He can do for them to aid them in their lives and to give them life and life to the full.

That noble man, **“When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.” (John 4:47 KJV)** Now we understand why Jesus left Judea and reached Galilee because there was a sick person and needed to be healed by Jesus. Therefore it is very essential that you will tune yourself with the voice of the Holy Spirit so you can move promptly were Jesus wants you to move. Yes and true that Jesus moved from Galilee because of the bad attitude of the Jews and their threats toward Him, but He moved also to minister to new people who needed Him and who are willing to follow Him. In the same way, when you are pressurized in certain direction while you are doing your ministry and face rejection and opposition, you should not be discouraged, for God will soon move you and take you to minister to new people who are in need of Jesus, and God is calling toward them, to meet them and present Christ and His grace to them.

“Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.” (John 4:48 KJV) Jesus faced that noble man and told him that he desires miracle before He will believe. There are certain people will believe after they see our testimony, others will believe after they hear the word of God, others will believe when their life would clearly be read to them when they meet us, others they will believe when they will receive help and yet others will believe when they see miracles. We may need to do one or more of these things or even all of that in our endeavour to serve the Lord and in reaching out the lost souls and in ministering to them.

“Then said Jesus unto him, Except ye see signs and wonders, ye will not believe.” (John 4:48 KJV) Jesus faced that noble man and almost rebuked him for his demand of miracle from Jesus. When we minister to the people we should not be hindered our afraid to face them with the truth and even to rebuke them whenever that is needed.

“The nobleman saith unto him, Sir, come down ere my child die.” (John 4:49 KJV) The man was so desperate for the trouble that he was in, for his son who was sick and at the edge of death as we had read previously, **“When he heard that Jesus was come out of Judaea into Galilee, he went unto him, and besought him that he would come down, and heal his son: for he was at the point of death.” (John 4:47 KJV)** We need to understand and cooperate with the people whom God is sending toward us, that they are in troubles and we need to have compassion on them and show them mercy and help them and minister to them in the way that Jesus wants us to do for them.

“Jesus saith unto him, Go thy way; thy son liveth. And the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.” (John 4:50 KJV) Jesus responded to this man request and healed his son without going with him to his house. The man when He came to the Lord He requested him to go to His house to heal His son, but Jesus did not go and He healed his son without going to that man house.

Certain time people approach us to help them in their troubles and to solve their problems they may suggest to us certain things to do for them. But we may not need to listen to their suggestion and advices but to do what Jesus would lead us with the Holy Spirit of what we need to do.

As well as we should not be afraid to minister to the people. That man asked Christ to go with him in his house and it is a journey to other city. People may ask us to go and travel with them to far places and that is toilsome work, but that may not be needed and we should not be burdened about many things that we need to do in reply to people requests. We may not need to do all these toilsome travel and movement, for their problem might be solved with a prayer to God.

We should not be worried about how the people will respond to what we will do to them. That man when Jesus told him Go thy way; thy son liveth, **“the man believed the word that Jesus had spoken unto him, and he went his way.” (John 4:50 KJV)** This man believed the Word of Jesus and received the promise of God and His son was healed. Therefore:

- Let us be encouraged to give the Word of God and trust that God will heal the sick and change the hearts of people and do whatever miracle needed in their lives.
- Let us trust God that He will convince and satisfy the people as long as we did what the Holy Spirit led us to do for them.
- Let us continue to pray for the people and for all their needs that God will meet according to His glorious riches in Christ Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

“51 And as he was now going down, his servants met him, and told him, saying, Thy son liveth. 52 Then enquired he of them the hour when he began to amend. And they said unto him, Yesterday at the seventh hour the fever left him. 53 So the father knew that it was at the same hour, in the which Jesus said unto him, Thy son liveth: and himself believed, and his whole house.” (John 4:51-53 KJV) The miracle that Jesus did was confirmed by the time that the healing of his son took place, and the result of that miracle is that the man **himself believed, and his whole house.** The servants of that man came and met him and announced to him and declared to him all the details how his son got healed and he concluded that the Word of Jesus had brought that healing.

We need to fully rely on the Lord and continue to serve Him in the way that he ordained for us to go. God will work things out for His glory. God will confirm to the people through events and circumstance, that all what we did and what we are doing to them had come and is coming from the Lord. Therefore we need to be attentive and sensitive to hear the voice of the Holy

Spirit and to do what is needful in ministering to the people that the Lord is sending to us in our service and ministry unto Him.

“This is again the second miracle that Jesus did, when he was come out of Judaea into Galilee.” (John 4:54 KJV) The outcome of that mission of Jesus was a city of Samaria believed on Him and the household of that noble man believed and got saved through that miracle of healing. In the same way for us today as individuals, as families, as congregations and as a Church of God when we move with the leading of the Holy Spirit the Lord will do miracles, save people and bring them to His Kingdom.

My dear and beloved: Be open to the leading of the Holy Spirit. Be obedient to go into the direction that God is leading you to move, because once you will obey then you will find yourself reaching out people who are in need of salvation, in need of deliverance and in need of Jesus in their lives.

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As you obey the voice of the Holy Spirit then you will be seeing yourself moving away from opposition and away from resistance toward people who are in need of the grace of God, who are in need of His salvation, and who are in need for the healing of Jesus and His love in their lives.

Commit yourself to the principles that you had learned in the message, and commit yourself to the calling of God in your life to be a blessing to others in bringing them to Christ.

My Prayer: Father God I come before you in the name of Jesus, who died on the cross for my sins and rose from the death to give me eternal life.

Lord I thank you for your word that makes your callings clear to me. Lord I commit myself to the principles that I learned from this message.

Lord I commit myself to the leading of the voice of the Holy Spirit, and that I will more into the direction that you are calling me to move.

Lord I renounce my own plans and the ways of this world. Lord I renounce all the traditional practices and the celebrations of this world that contradict your Word and the leading of the Holy Spirit.

Lord takes me away from opposition and arguments that are not fruitful. Lord I am willing to go out with you to the field that you are directing me to reach the lost to direct them to know you. Lord gives me the same mind and love of yours to reach the lost and bring your salvation to them.

Lord refills me with the Holy Spirit and gives me the spiritual gifts that I need in my life to serve you. Lord sustains me with a good health and the needed strength to do this ministry.

Lord I pray for my Brothers and my Sisters who committed their lives to go and evangelize, Lord Baptize them with the Holy Ghost, and give them the spiritual gifts to go and spread your Word. Lord I pray that you will protect them and provide their needs and do marvelous miracles in their lives and in their ministries.

Lord bless your church, and enable us Lord to reach new people, new families, new villages, and new areas with the gospel impacting new cities, countries and nations with the gospel of Jesus. Lord enables us to preach boldly your Word and to have love and compassion unto others who needs you.

Lord enables us to plant new Bible studies and more congregations in various places. Lord bless us, enlarge our territory, let your hand be with us and free us from harm so that we will not feel pain. May the grace of the Lord Jesus and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all in Jesus name, Amen.

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